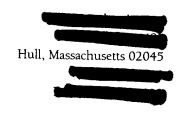


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Congressman William Delahunt 1495 Hancock Street Quincy, MA 02169

RE: President Bush's Iraq Policy

Dear Congressman Delahunt:

During the Vietnam era I served on local draft board 132 in Whitman, Massachusetts. The jurisdiction of that board included seven area towns. Having been a member of a draft board, I learned something of the unwillingness of American young men to serve in wars which were not supported by the vast majority of Americans.

It seems to me that unless there is clear and convincing evidence of imminent attack or clear and convincing evidence of possession of nuclear weapons, or clear and convincing evidence of the potential of nuclear weapons, President Bush is leading us on a path which will be totally unacceptable to the American public and to our young people who might be asked to fight and die in a questionable war.

Our military is experienced with selective strikes at targets posing likely threats. The policy of selective strikes can and should serve as an appropriate deterrent without involving us in another war which cannot be won without huge loss of life.

